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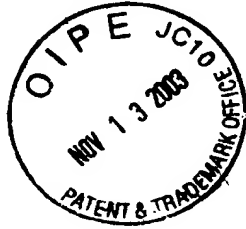
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**COMMUNICATION AFTER
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Sir:

The Notice of Allowability mailed September 22, 2003 for the above-identified application has been received by the Applicant. However, the Applicant respectfully requests clarification concerning that Notice with respect to the discrepancies noted below.

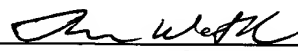
The Notice of Allowability indicates that of the claims pending in the application, those which are identified as allowed are claims 1, 3-8 and 15-20. However, the claims pending in the application are claims 1, 5-10 and 15-20. In that regard, 2-4 and 11-14 were canceled and claim 20 was added by the Applicant in an Amendment mailed August 25, 2003 in response to a non-final Office Action mailed June 17, 2003. Independent claims 1 and

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10 were amended to include what is believed to be the allowable subject matter of now canceled claims 2-4 and 11-14, respectively. New claim 20 provides the subject matter of claim 1 and what is believed to be the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 7.

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicant respectfully requests issuance of a supplemental Notice of Allowability, thereby re-setting the due date for payment of the Issue and Publication Fees from the current December 22, 2003 date to a date three months from the mailing of such a supplemental Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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